Photographs

This is a photograph of the news desk of the Toledo News-Bee during the height of the violence associated with the Toledo Auto-Lite strike in 1934. Larry Sisk, News-Bee managing editor, is at right, in shirt sleeves.

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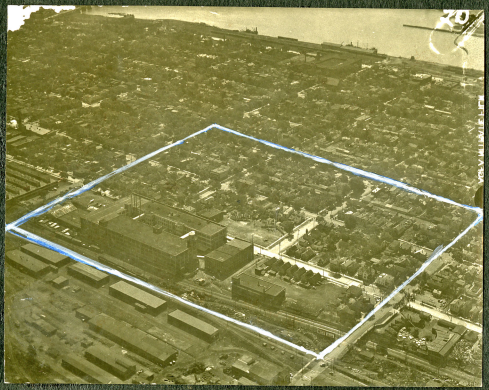

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Scene of Electric Auto-Lite Strike Riots

Toledo, Ohio, May 22 – May 27, '34

Strike of workers began Feb. 25 – Finally Settled June 1, 1934.

Rioting Toll = 2 Dead, 150 injured, 250 arrested.

The pickets violating injunction → Causing Sympathizers to gather. A#7370

Start of the trouble when police tried to Make arrests. Crowd liberated prisoners. A#7371

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Sporadic fighting followed -- with injuries and arrests.

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A Girl Faints in the excitement A#7577

A#7578 Crowd started hurling stones at strike breakers at the plant.

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Strike breakers use the hose on crowd.

A policeman is hurt →

Police and special deputies use gas — antagonizing the crowd — resulting in war and attack on plant where strike breakers are barricaded.

Crowd becomes more violent as more gas fills the air.

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Broken Plates.

Clarence Bailey, Cameraman, saved two valuable plates — altho broken when he is struck repeatedly by stones, knocked down, injured. →

Tom Ramsey leader of the strikers looks on with national guard observers.

Capt. Fuehr Brig Gen Connelly

The night crowd dodging the Gas.

The wrecked plant

The next day May 24. Strike breakers liberated after 24 hours in plant, as troops arrive.

overturned-burned in rioting

Soldiers arrived in buses and unloaded at dawn.

To set up shop after rain dispersed crowd.

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After the day-long battle there are injured to care for.

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And soldier bullets killed two men among the crowd.

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Crowd finally held at bay.

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While sweepers cleared battleground.

On Guard as rain stopped.

Gas in the trees as a warning.

More Gas AA7401

End the Crowd runs. AA7402

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Tossing a gas bomb. A#7403

Gas A#7404

Masks. A#7405

More gas A#7406

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Barrage is laid down by the troops

A battle of bricks results with soldiers returning the bricks

with more gas at intervals to keep the crowd back.

(1) A#7413 The battle grows in intensity — note brick-filled streets.

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Troops decid to charge — and do behind a gas barrage.

The Battle of Chestnut Street Hill.

charging with bayonets and gasin a shower of bricks. A man falls ↑

and is carried back behind the lines →

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A rioter returns a gas bomb to the soldiers after catching it

George Blount - photo.

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Night again with troops in reserve when Fighting continues until midnight.

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With more men injured.

"Came the dawn" with roundup of rioters started by troops.

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Arrests continued all day long.

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Force often was necessary.

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More prisoners.

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Rioters' brick supply found.

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3 p.m. MAY 25 — Disorders Downtown

A strike breaker (Steve Kardos) is beaten and forced to parade nude — A lone copper rescued him.

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After the War

An inquest is held in the two deaths. Verdict = Accidental.

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The soldiers relax. (under arms)

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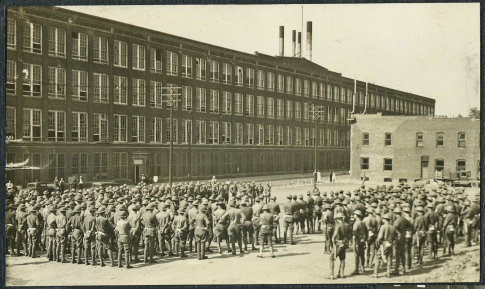

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Troops on parade After the War.

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The Armory, G.H.Q.

All Quiet.

June 27.

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Police again on duty, but with Guardsmen in readiness.

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A Gas Gun.

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Brig Gen Connely and
Adj. Gen. F.D. Henderson.